

## **AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION**

### **Special Meeting Minutes**

**June 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 am by Chairman Lee Buckingham at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Lee Buckingham, Joyce Silva, Mike Holmes, April Maynard, Nancy Hakala, Tim Grayson, and Judi Lardner. Also present was Jim Flathmann.

A quorum was established and the May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> minutes approved as written.

**Public Comment:** Jim Flathmann was welcomed to the meeting. Joyce, April and Mike announced several upcoming community events.

**9/11 Memorial:** Mike said he talked recently to J. Randall Smith, who has started work on the memorial. Mike emphasized that it needs to be completed by September 11<sup>th</sup> of this year.

**Public Art Loan Program update:** Mike asked about the status of the program. A general discussion followed on how to proceed with the project. No decisions were reached.

**Airport Monument:** Mike said that Doug Van Howd is currently working on the statue of Bud Anderson. Mike has been talking to potential donors to fund the initial cost of materials.

**Goal Setting:** April asked Mike whether there were any particular constraints the AAC should consider when we set goals for the upcoming fiscal year. Mike said that the proposed City budget, which should be approved on June 25<sup>th</sup>, includes a \$10,000 allocation for the AAC.

**Auburn Arts in the Park:** Lee said that it looks like we might have made a little money on Auburn Arts in the Park. The finance office is currently figuring out the final numbers.

**Streetscape Project:** Lee said that the SHAAC has been resurrected as a five-member committee (including Lee and Keith Nesbitt). The committee has been charged with reviewing and approving proposals for the commemorative pavers in Central Square. They are currently developing an application review process.

**Mural Projects:** Lee said that Rob has been working on the commemorative scroll for the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural. The border design from a poster for the recent Confluence Festival might be used. A mock-up is being prepared and will be sent out for AAC review. Nancy asked whether there are any plans for the Dancing Dog mural site. April said she would like to review all existing and potential mural sites in town and come up with a comprehensive plan before any decisions are made on individual murals.

**City Hall Gallery:** Judi said that the AAC should sponsor a reception for the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge Photo Show during the June 14<sup>th</sup> art walk. Aloha Baumgarten previously handled all receptions. April, Lee, Nancy and Tim said they would cover staffing during the art walk and set-up a reception. Judi said that the Council previously approved using some of the entrance fee monies for a reception and that she would buy the food. A discussion ensued about various approaches to booking shows in the gallery for upcoming art walks.

**Guide to Public Art Brochure:** Tim asked where he could find complete AAC minutes for the last few years. He said they aren't all available online. Judi said that she probably has a complete set. He also asked where he could find the original electronic version of the brochure as well as the original photographs. Lee said he would see if he has them. Tim said the brochure has not been updated since 2008. He said the entire binder should be updated from scratch.

**Goal Setting (con't):** There was a general discussion about how to go about goal setting. The consensus was to schedule a special meeting to discuss and set goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The meeting will be held at Tim Grayson's house on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

**Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center:** Joyce said that "9 to 5" is currently in production and will run from late July through early August.

**Auburn Arts in the Park (con't):** Joyce distributed a summary of the exit interviews. There was a general discussion about what worked this year and what needs improvement (e.g., shade for the audience, a different tent for the performers, more theater, higher entry fee for artists, better advertising, etc.). Lee is putting together a final report based on individual AAC members' written comments. Tim reported that the final tallied count of visitors was 840. He estimates that we had a total of 880 visitors. A discussion ensued regarding how to go about planning next year's event. It was generally agreed that the AAC should develop a core group of volunteers to help with this and other future events.

**AAC Vacancies:** The AAC is currently soliciting applicants to fill Aloha Baumgarten's position.

**Confirmation of Officers:** New officers will be voted on at the next regular AAC meeting.

The next regular meeting will be on July 10, 2012 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Judi Lardner, Secretary